

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 11, 23, 32 and 39. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to each of Claims 1, 11, 23, 32 and 39 do not contain new matter.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

#### I. THE 35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 1, 11, 21-24, 31-32 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,263,322 (Kirkevold) in view of Petite, et al., et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,437,692 (Petite). The Examiner also asserts that Claims 25-26 and 33-34

are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and Petite and further in view of Li, U.S. 2002/0072808 A1 (Li). The Examiner also asserts that Claims 27, 29 and 35-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and Petite and further in view of Rother, U.S. Patent No. 6,141,608 (Rother). Lastly, the Examiner asserts that Claims 30 and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirkevold and Petite and further in view of Diaz, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,356,822 (Diaz).

As noted above, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 11, 23, 32 and 39. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 11 in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by said independent Claims, over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to each of Claims 1, 11, 23, 32 and 39 do not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 11, 21-27, 29-39, is patentable over the prior art.

IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 1, 21-27, 29-30 AND 39, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 1, 21-27, 29-30 and 39, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Petite. Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1.

Applicant submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing vehicle diagnostic information, comprising a memory device for storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, a receiver associated with a web site for receiving a request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding

a vehicle, wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device associated with a user, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the apparatus, and further wherein the communication device is at least one of a personal computer, a home computer, a laptop computer, a personal communication device, a hand-held computer, a palmtop computer, a personal digital assistant, a telephone, a television, and an interactive television, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, and a processing device associated with the web site, wherein the processing device is a server computer or a network computer, wherein the processing device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, wherein the processing device processes the request for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device generates a diagnostic report in response to the request for information, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

Applicant further submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a transmitter associated with the web site for transmitting the diagnostic report to the communication device, wherein the diagnostic report is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 1, all of which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim 1. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Petite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 1, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 21-27, 29-30 and 39, which claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 1, are also

patentable as said Claims 21-27, 29-30 and 39 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 1, 21-27, 29-30 and 39 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

**IB. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 11 AND 31-38, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:**

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 11 and 31-38, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Petite.

Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a method for providing vehicle diagnostic information, comprising storing at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, in a memory device, receiving a request

for information regarding at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, regarding a vehicle, wherein the information is received by a receiver associated with a web site, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver from a communication device, wherein the communication device is at least one of a personal computer, a home computer, a laptop computer, a personal communication device, a personal digital assistant, a hand-held computer, a palmtop computer, a telephone, a television, and an interactive television, wherein the communication device is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the receiver, and further wherein the request for information is transmitted to the receiver on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, and processing the request for information regarding the at least one of a vehicle problem, a vehicle malfunction, and a vehicle state of disrepair, with a processing device utilizing the at least one of vehicle diagnostic information, vehicle repair information, vehicle maintenance information, and vehicle servicing information, wherein the processing device is a server computer or a network computer associated with the web site and is located at a location remote from the vehicle and remote from the communication device, generating a diagnostic report with the processing device in response to the request for information, all

of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

Applicant further submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest transmitting the diagnostic report to the communication device, wherein the diagnostic report is transmitted to the communication device on or over at least one of the Internet and the World Wide Web, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Kirkevold, Petite, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 11, which features are important and recited features of said independent Claim 11. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over Kirkevold in view of Petite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 11, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant further respectfully submits that Claims 31-38, which claims depend either directly or



indirectly from independent Claim 11, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 11, are also patentable as said Claims 31-38 depend from allowable subject matter.

Allowance of pending Claims 11 and 31-38 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

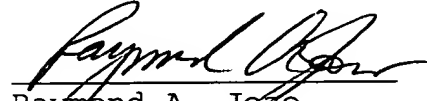
## II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 1, 11, 21-27 and 29-39 is respectfully requested.

A Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time (in duplicate) is submitted herewith. A Credit Card Payment Form for \$55.00 for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, is submitted herewith. A Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) for the fee for the Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is also submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests a One-Month Extension  
of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed February 12,  
2004.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Encls.: - Abstract of the Disclosure  
- Petition For Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R.  
1.136(a) for a One-Month Extension of Time (in  
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- Credit Card Payment Form for \$55.00  
- Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate)  
- Return Receipt Postcard

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